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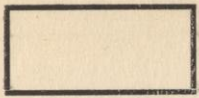
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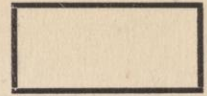
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THE SPHINX



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The red moon clambereth over the hill
 (Red, red spots on the motley cow)
 And my heart, my heart would wain be
 still,
 But it throbs with the thought of a pallid
 vow—
 O, wind blow cold on the mildewed mill
 (Red, red spots on the motley cow).

There are six corpses under the yew
 (Red, red spots on the motley cow)
 And by the fall of the early dew
 O then, there shall be corpses enow,
 And the motley cow says naught but
 "Moo!"
 (Red, red spots on the motley cow.)

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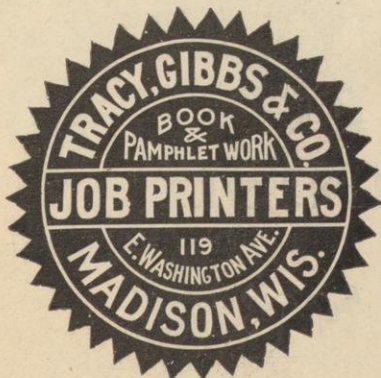
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Always May

The grasses waver,
They swing and sway
When singing lightly
Comes May, my May!
Her brown locks savor
Of faint perfume
From gardens sprightly
With bud and bloom.

Seasons wane and come again!
Laughingly they flee,
But storm or sun till life is done
There's always May for me.

O eyes whose splendor
Would mock the day,
O carmine thrilling
The cheeks of May!
O lips that render
Their sweetness up
Like spiced wine filling
A Roseleaf cup!

Winters cold or Autumn's gold
Greet I, jauntily,
For storm and sun till life is done
There's always May for me!

When days are joyous
Or grim and gray,
Still thrills the laughter
Of May, my May!
What can destroy us
Come joy or pain,
If still thereafter
Our love remain?

Seasons wane and come again
Fleeting merrily—
But storm or sun till life is done
There's always May for me!

—A. B. Braley.





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Always remember that this is only pretence, so that you are not to believe a word of it, even if it is true.—Kingsley

THE SPHINX is pleased to announce the elections for next year's board as follows:

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"Good bye, good luck to you."

WITH THIS ISSUE THE SPHINX closes her fifth kittenish year at the University of Wisconsin. There is no doubt that THE SPHINX has been rather more kittenish this year than ever before and if, at times, her kittenishness has seemed rather like the rollicking playfulness of the hippo than the coquettishness of the immature cat it was all meant in good nature. And a hippopotamus may have just as kindly feelings and as warm a heart as a kitten.

THE SPHINX has been criticised. Of course we know that and had it received only its due amount of criticism we should not venture to complain but THE SPHINX has been knocked so many times when it ought to have been caressed that we feel called upon to justify ourselves a bit.

THE SPHINX cannot be compared with *Puck* or *Judge* or *Life* or any other high-class humorous publication with paid artists and paid writers and editors whose only duty it is to edit. THE SPHINX must necessarily fill a somewhat humbler sphere. Our jokes are not always as funny as the jokes in *Life* but then we don't have the whole United States to pick from. The humble perpetrations that we shower on a grateful world once in two weeks all come from the brains of the staff. We are not able to count even on the whole University. Our pictures are not up to the careful drawings in the big magazines but they were

"Let us hear from you, old man, and here's hoping."

made by people who are not devoting their Life's energies to art—who haven't spent terms in an art school and who aren't interested in THE SPHINX except as a side issue.

THE SPHINX humbly confesses its inferiority on many, many points and yet even with this ventures to claim a right to existence. THE SPHINX is not the vermiform appendix of the institution. There are some things which THE SPHINX can do and there is a field which belongs to THE SPHINX exclusively.

THE SPHINX is the only independent publication in the University. It does not hang on the favor of the University regents for its circulation, nor upon the consent of a board of stockholders for its contents. THE SPHINX has made mistakes and will make mistakes again—it's human even if it is a myth—but it has not acted with malice or spite, and its mistakes once made will not be repeated.

THE SPHINX has encouraged the art and literature touching the lighter side of college life as no other publication can or does. It is five years old, but in those five years has managed to secure as good a standing in its world as Eastern papers with far more years of experience.

THE SPHINX is better now than it was when it started. Next year's SPHINX will be better than this year's. It has not reached its limit, and it will not for a nice comfortable time. And so THE SPHINX closes its fifth year of existence. If it has pleased you we are pleased, if it has offended you—you must remember that after all "it is all fun and pretense, and that you are not to believe a word of it, even if it is true."

Little Verses for Little Children

I had a foolish elephant
What wouldn't do no work,
He said: "I am a union man
And I am on a strike."

I also had a muly cow,
She sang the live long day,
And when I asked the reason why
Said she "I'm paid for this."

I had a little kangaroo,
And once it left the house,
Said I, "Where to, dear friend of mine?"
He said, "The Jubilee."

"Say, let's go and see the co-eds drill."
"Rats! Let's see what the weather man
augurs."

First Woodman Visitor—"Pretty nice of 'em to 'lluminate the campus just for our picture, ain't it."

Second W. V.—"Yep, and the governor's done his best to fix up the capitol fur us, too."

I wrote a funny little joke
About a pretty calf,
! ? ! () : : —!—? = !!
Now laugh, you dummies, laff!

Translated Into the Vernacular

La vie est vaine;
Un peu d'amour,
Un peu de haine,
Et puis, bonjour.

This life is —nit!
Love spieles one song,
Hate throws one fit;
And then, so long!

La vie est brève:
Tn peu d'espoir,
Un peu de rêve,
Et puis, bonsoir.

This life ist kurz!
Some hopes—but schlimm;
Some dreams—by spurts;
Then—douse the glim!



Freshman—Yes, dad, here's my school.

"Au revoir, Mary, write soon."

At The Circus

Ticket seller.....Step aside gentlemen,
and let the tide of hu-
man immigration flow
toward the ticket
wagon.

Willie..... Hump-backed, double
jointed, knock-kneed
peanuts.

Lemonade stand.. Ice cream, taffy, bon bons,
soda water, lemonade,
cider and DRINKS.

Side show.....This way, ladies, the
missing delinquent.
(Ike and Jack about to
enter the Gollman
show.)

IkeGreat doings, Jack.

JackSights for the Gods.

IkeLook, Jack look quick.
What's that crawling
from under the tent?
Pair of vici look—like—
patents, silk ribbons,
regular neckties.

IkeThose ankles.

JackWell managed, they.

IkeNifty open work. What
next?

JackThose trousers, four inch
turn-ups. Regular
Lunon weather, That
dear little coat.

IkeHis face—and I know
him.

JackThose cheeks. I'd know
them among a thous-
and.

IkeAnd HE sought a ticket
thus.

(Exit William Ludding-
ton Dotty, followed
by show hands.)

* * *

“That Miss Peroxide must be a regular
little angel.”

“How is that?”

“Well, they say the good dye young.”



May—Yes, and when I asked him if he
was going to stay for the Jubilee he said I
was jubilee enough for him.

Jane—Yes, the jubilee is mostly speech
and deadly dull.



A student heard from the office boy that Dean Richards said to Prof Gilmore, the man who comes from Hahvahd, that there would be no Exams. Another student who saw the office boy, says he says that the Dean said, "There will be no Exams after July 4th."



A student heard Dean Birge's hired girl say to another student, Tuesday night, that Dean Birge said that all Exams would be eliminated—in Egyptian Hieroglyphics, for those who stood above 99.

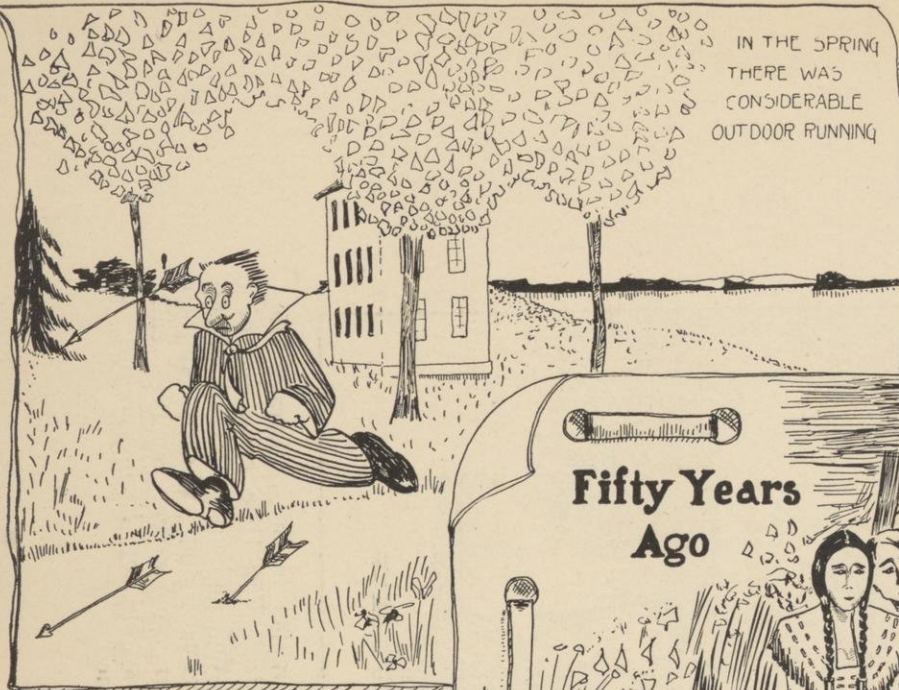


A senior stood outside of the Law building during a conference of the Deans of Law and Engineering. He says that he is positive there will be no Exams because he can't get through unless they have them, and he's always unlucky.



A stenographer in the registrar's office said that Pres. Van Hise came out of a faculty meeting and cried, "Well, Hiesy, old boy, Exams are off." Later—Another stenographer reports that the Pres. said, "Well, Hiesy, old boy, Exams are awf—ul stiff this time."

IN THE SPRING
THERE WAS
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OUTDOOR RUNNING



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NEVER FINISHED THE
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Fifty Years Ago

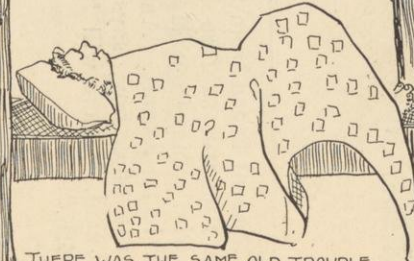


THE SPOON HOLDER

L.F. VANHAGEN...



THE CREWS MADE FAST TIME
ON MENDOTA



THERE WAS THE SAME OLD TROUBLE
WITH EIGHT O'CLOCKS





See the boy. He is not well. He is feeling bad.

He is feeling bad because he has et an egg.

Was the egg cooked too long. No it was raw too long.

Do not laugh at this for it is a coarse joke.

A Ballade of Babylon

Ah, would we had again
 Those sinful times of yore
 When life was mad, and men
 No moral fetters wore;
 They laughed, caroused, and swore
 Nor thought to mend their ways—
 A rapid pace they tore,
 In old Belshazzar's days!

No caustic critic's pen
 Lamponed tho "smart set" corps,
 (Thou Daniel now and then
 Made prophesies galore.)
 The public wasn't sore
 On booze and Sunday plays,
 It merely yelled for more,
 In old Belshazzar's days.

The "10—Commandments—10,"
 They left outside the door
 Of "Babylon's foul den;"
 And then they made things roar;
 Of drink they had full store
 To set the blood ablaze
 (And land them on the floor),
 In old Belshazzar's days!

ENVOY.

Prince, modern life's a bore!
 Full enviously we gaze
 One Babylon's glad shore
 In old Belshazzar's days!

—J. H. H.

The Oracle Maketh His Valedictory

They were gathered in the Oracle's room for a last 'smoke talk,' and as the blue haze swirled about in the breeze from the open windows, the gang looked thoughtfully and sadly at the swaying trees without. But they didn't see them, for their eyes had that far away, 'otherwhere look,' that comes to those who are thinking of pains and pleasures past rather than any beauty of nature present.

The Oracle took his thickly initialed pipe from his moufh and passed his fingers caressingly over the letters on the bowl.

"You're all carved on here I think," said the Oracle at last, "you and a lot of the fellows who have 'gone before' some into the world and some out of it. Carson and Edgers are buried out in the Phillipines and the rest are scattered pretty much everywhere, living their lives and doing their work as the Varsity taught them to. And now we've got to break up and go into our work 'living in that state of life to which it has pleased God to call us,' and we'll write to each other for a while, and then we'll drift away on eddies of forgetfulness, finding it hard to recall even the nicnames by which our chums were known.

"Life's made up largely of 'break ups.' When we're kids we play together and have our little loves and friendships, then when we get out of grammar school some of us go away, more form new alliances, and that's break up number one. The High school or Prep school days pass and the college days draw near, break, up number two; we make our college friendships, (and they are the best of all,) but finally we graduate or leave, and are separated from one another by multitudinous miles and multifarious interests,

and this is break up number three; then we marry and make a home, and in a few year, our children are leaving us to make their own lives and build their homes, and for us this is break up number four; lastly comes "death the friend-foe," taking us one by ones and so break up number five.

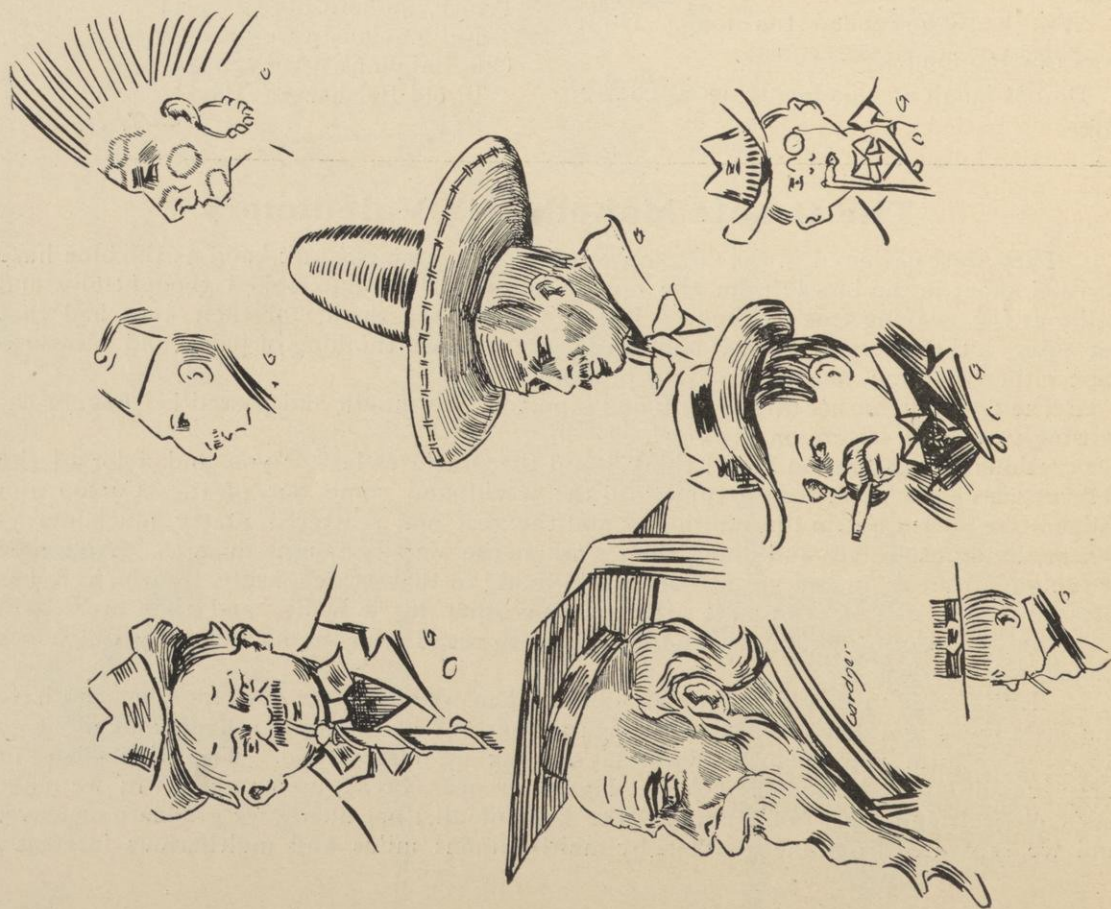
"I'm not going to do the reminiscent act, fellows and sigh over the days that were, nor burble of how we've developed in these four years, nor chuckle over the cleverness of callow escapades we've engineered; those things are all in the days work and we've had a rattling good time, let that suffice for narration until we come back years hence, for a class reunion.

"But at least, I'll say", continued the Oracle, waving his pipe in the usual oratorical gesture, "they've been good four years, and I'm glad I've had them, I'm proud of the friends I've made, of the little I've learned, of the danaes I've danced, the tobacco I've burned at the altar of good comradeship, the songs I've sung and the yells I've yelled in praise of teams which win or lose, fought as Wisconsin men always fight, to the last breath.

"College spirit is an elusive and indefinable thing, but it means much, it teaches a man to believe in himself and his fellows, to back up his college with purse and voice, and head and heart, and it grinds into his very fibre a never-say-die sort of grit, which helps him to win honors in life's curriculum. I'm glad I've gone to a college, and not a conglomeration of institutes. Fellows, we owe the 'Varsity a lot we can't pay, but we can try to cancel some portion of the debt by rendering something more than lip service only; by giving her and her future graduates support and encouragement in all goodly enterprises. I know this is hackneyed, way-worn and trite, but it's true, and it's up to us to follow its guidance.

"And now, for the last time "before we part," up all,
 'Toast her loud and heartily,
 Dear old 'Varsity."

—Kim.



Jubilee—That's All.

EXCHANGES

Fact, Too

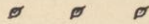
Debts become larger the more they are contracted.—*Tiger.*



Result of Early Training

First Old Grad—I hear Poler, cashier of the Savings Bank, has been arrested for embezzling.

Second Old Grad—Yes, poor fellow, he never broke himself of the habit of taking notes.—*Tiger.*



Mother (rushing in)—What is that noise?

Willie—It's all right, ma. I just cut baby's hair with a bang.—*Lampvard Harpoon.*



Jubilee—That's All

Portly Profs from German places,
Spanish scholars fresh from Spain.
Moors with dark immobile faces.
French and Dutch and Rus's and Dane,
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Pretty girls (they all look pretty
When the June sun's smiling down),
Pirouette about the city—
"Jubilee's in town."

We are done with digging knowledge
From the books they tell about,
Oh, it's great to be at college,
(College with the work left out).
Be you Prof. or Grad. or student,
Keep your smile and chuck the frown,
What's the use of being prudent,
"Jubilee's in town!"

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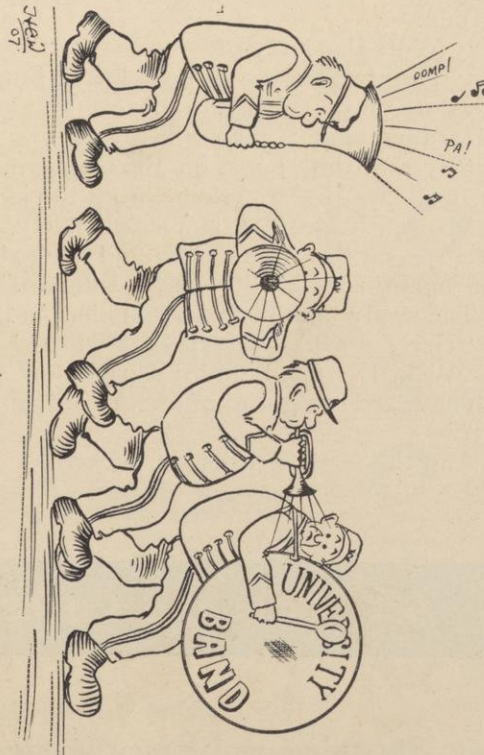
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A Jubilee in Africa

"Speakin' of this here Jubilee," said the seedy gentleman, as he spat meditatively on the window shade, "it aren't nothin' to the tenth anniversary of the College of Jorosalsombi which I had the pleasure of witnessin' last time I wuz in Central Africa. It were midsummer an' evaporatin' hot, an' the pickled rubber boots I wuz sellin' as tripe stunk offul. Sudden I came on a little clearin' in the jungle, an' I see a bunch of decolletted coons sittin' on a bench an' makin' the most blood curdlin' racket I ever heard. I stops quick, an' then a little round, fat snow headed coon who was standin' on a bench an' leadin' the yellin', stopped in the middle of his finest effort, an' shrieks at me, 'Um balla sini yip bang bogle ba,' that bein' the Hurdiganian for 'Wa't'ell you doin' here?'" I answers back quick, 'Hemslaverana,' which is a dress suit case word mord, meanin' 'Who'tell 'r you an' wot's it to yuh.'"

"A dress suit case word?" I interrupted, "what do you mean by that?"

"Why one that folds a lot of things inside it, I guess you eddicated fellers calls it a pormanteau word. Continuin' my narration—I goes up to the fat boy an' slaps him on the back givin' him at the same time my old Business College yell which was a half an hour long an' sounded like a steam calliope an' a buzz saw with an intermixture of a fog horn or two. The portly party gives me the glad embrace an' dances 'round me singin' 'Chere, chier, sagans awl hier' an' then he says:

"'Glad to meet yuh, suh, how's things back in ole Wisconsin, suh?' an' blast me if the fat party weren't my old valet wot left me twelve yeors ago.

"Saz he, 'Gawge, I'm president of the university of Jorosalsombi, an' we're just havin' our Jubilee. Won't you jine in the festivities?'"

"Well, I don't want to weary yuh. I jined. But before jining I sez, 'Jim, where is yer University of Jehosophat or Cockalorum or whatever you call her.'"

"'This is her,' says Jim, me thinkin' at the time he used pretty poor langwudge for a President, an' he pinto to the bench an' the eighteen coal black enamels sittin' on it.

"'They will salute you,' sez he, 'an' at a signal them eighteen gets up an' sings,'

"'War; wa ar, wa ar, wa ar, wush con seen, whym see ay,' an' then they hikes into the woods, comes back with a pet elephant an' makes him blow water over hissself with his trunk.

"'Wots that?' says I.

"'Fountain on the campus,' says Jim, an' before I has a chance to say anythin' else, he gets up on the elephant an' sez, 'Students, we has with us' (of course he says this in the Hurdiganian), 'a man who—'

"By that time I wuz on the elephant, having climbed up by his tail, an' interrupts, 'Yes, students,' I sez, 'I come from the land of the spree an' the home of the Scandivavian,' I sez, "I love the democratic party, an' may yer Jubilee jubal good" says I, qotin' from a speech I've forgot now, and hanged if that gang of dark room fixtures didn't start yellin' again, an' what it wuz for I dunno."

The seedy man picked up his hat and made for the door.

"Here," I said, "you haven't finished your story, why don't you go on?"

"Well, I've filled almost a page now and the editor in chief sez this is all the space I can have. He's got a lot of stuff of his own he wants to get in before he graduates. So long."

And the seedy gentleman ducked.

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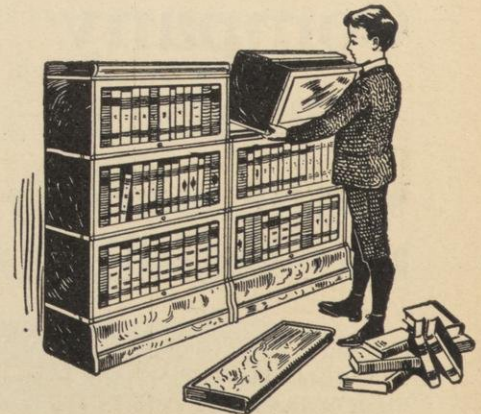
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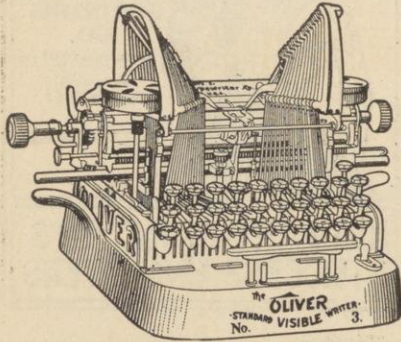
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